

CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GEORGIA
South Fulton Service Center Auditorium, 5600 Stonewall Tell Road
Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 7:00pm



The Honorable William “Bill” Edwards, Mayor (present)
The Honorable Catherine F. Rowell, District 1, Mayor Pro Tem (present)
The Honorable Carmalitha Gumbs, District 2 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Helen Z. Willis, District 3 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Naeema Gilyard, District 4 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Rosie Jackson, District 5 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable khalid kamau, District 6 Councilmember (present)
The Honorable Mark Baker, District 7 Councilmember (present)

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edwards at 7:04pm. The roll was called by the City Clerk. All members were present, therefore there was a quorum.

Mayor Edwards recognized newly elected Fulton County Commission Chairman Robb Pitts and thanked Chairman Pitts for his attendance.

2. Invocation

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The Invocation was rendered by Pastor Warren T. Henry.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

4. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, December 12, 2017 (Work Session and Regular Meeting)
- b. Meeting Minutes -Thursday, December 28, 2017 (Special Called Meeting)
- c. Proclamation – Elbert Lewis Outlaw Appreciation Day, December 21, 2017. **(Jackson)**
- d. Board Appointment – Fulton Industrial CID
 - i. Appointment of Ms. Benita Chinn. **(Edwards)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Willis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

5. Approval of the Regular Meeting Agenda

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda with a friendly amendment by Mayor Pro Tem Rowell to add Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

6. Proclamations and Recognitions

- a. Proclamation recognizing Chief Gary Stiles appreciation Day, January 9, 2018. **(Willis)**

PRESENTED WITH VIDEO. Mayor Edwards invited Newly Elected Fulton County Chairman Robb Pitts to be included during the

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presentation as Chairman Pitts has worked with Chief Stiles for many years.

- b. Proclamation recognizing Q Parker and Brothers United Appreciation Day, January 9, 2018. **(Baker)**

PRESENTED.

7. Public Comment

- a. Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each and public comment will not exceed 30 minutes. Speakers will not be allowed to yield or donate their time to other speakers.

The following eight (8) Citizens offered public comment:

- **Ms. Monica Moseley** concerned with Sanitation & Recycling RFP, will sanitation carts be new, carts take 70 days to manufacture. The contractors will need the addresses for billing.
- **Miss. Kendall Henry** naming of the City, she is thankful that Council listened to the citizens of the City.
- **Mr. Keith Perry** naming of the City, thank you for Veto. We have time to place names on a ballot for citizens to vote.
- **Mr. Franklin 'Frank' Shelton** Residential Cart Refuse Manufacturer (Otto Environmental Systems). It takes about 70 days to manufacture the carts.
- **Rev. Jacob Maxey** Greater Outreach Ministry. Housing for undesirables and others.
- **Mr. Richard B. Allen** Tax notices need to be explained (Fulton County and/or City of South Fulton). Would also like to have the official business hours of the City of South Fulton.
- **Mr. Rudy (Rootman) Jones** concerned with trash being dumped behind subdivisions, Tacoma Forest, Vermont Estates and Broad Acres. Keep the name South Fulton.
- **Mr. Clyde King** concerns with Creel Park; 2 bodies found and would like to see Councilman khalid reinstated in Creel Park community room.

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8. Business

a. Resolutions

- i. Resolution appointing the Office of the Interim City Attorney as Parliamentarian; setting the date of appointment; and for other purposes. **(Res2018-001)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember khalid to approve Res2018-001. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- ii. Resolution appointing Councilmember Mark Baker as Mayor Pro Tempore; setting the date of appointment of said Mayor Pro Tempore; and for other purposes. **(Res2018-002)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jackson and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard to nominate Councilmember Mark Baker as Mayor Pro Tem and thereby approving Res2018-002. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- iii. Resolution to adopt the Community Development Services Department's 2018 Calendars for Rezoning, Modifications and Variances for the Mayor and Council of the City of South Fulton, Georgia to comply with the Georgia Open Meetings Act and for various other purposes. **(Res2018-003)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Gumbs to approve Res2018-003. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- iv. Resolution approving a Joint Resolution to transfer jurisdiction of Fulton County, Georgia's Fire and Rescue

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Department to the City of South Fulton; and for other purposes. **(Res2018-004)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Gilyard and Jackson to approve Res2018-004. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

b. Ordinances

- i. **[RECONSIDERATION]** Ordinance to Amend the Charter of the City of South Fulton Amending Section 1.10 Changing the Name of the City to the City of “**Renaissance**”. **(Ord2017-037)**

No motion was made to override the Mayor’s Veto; therefore, the veto stands. The name of the City does not change.

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Rowell to adopt the current Seal as the Official Seal of the City (as is). Councilmember Rowell, Gumbs, Willis, Gilyard, Jackson and khalid voted yea. Mayor Pro Tem Baker voted no. Therefore, the motion passed, 6-1-0.

- ii. **[2nd READING]** Adoption of Ordinance establishing Historic and Cultural Landmarks Commission for the City of South Fulton. **(Rowell – Ord2017-040)**

Councilmember Rowell introduced a you-tube video presentation on Historic and Cultural Landmarks and expressed her support of establishing the Commission and how it will benefit the City of South Fulton. Due to a lack of audio sound, the video was turned off. Councilmember Rowell indicated that she will send out the link to everyone at a later date.

A motion was made by Councilmember Rowell and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker to adopt Ord2017-040 with the caveat that if it is not addressed in the City Charter that records and reporting of Commission appointments and minutes be kept by the City Clerk. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- iii. **[2nd READING]** Amendment to Ord2017-031, Ethics Ordinance. **(Gumbs – Ord2017-041)**

A motion was made by Councilmember Gumbs and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Baker to approve Ord2017-041 as presented at the meeting. There was a friendly amendment by Councilmember Rowell to change Sec.1-5003. – Definitions. (h) (2) (B) from ten percent to five percent. The friendly amendment was not accepted. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

- iv. **[1st READING]** An Ordinance to establish regulations for Hotels, Motels and Extended Stay Hotels; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting Ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes. **(Rowell – Ord2018-001)**

Councilmember Rowell detailed the importance of public safety in establishing Ordinance No. 2018-001.

9. ~~City Manager's Weekly Update~~

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10. Mayor and City Council Comments (Two Minutes Each)

Councilmembers and the Mayor made announcements or statements regarding activities held or upcoming in their respective districts.

Mayor Edwards thanked Councilmember Rowell for her service as Mayor Pro Tem and he congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Baker for his new appointment.

11. Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilmember Willis and seconded by Councilmember Rowell to recess for a closed Executive Session regarding Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The Executive Session began at 8:32pm and ended at 9:43pm.

IN OPEN SESSION

The City Clerk announced that during the Executive Session action was taken. A motion was made to end the “Interim” status of the City Attorney (aka Robbins Firm), effective February 13, 2018, and retain the Robbins Firm for litigation and annexation matters on behalf of the City of South Fulton. The Mayor is requested to provide a Firm or an Attorney to be named as “permanent” City Attorney on February 13, 2018, as well.

Mayor Edwards entertained a motion to close the Executive Session. A motion was made by Councilmember Rowell and seconded by Councilmember Willis to close the Executive Session. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

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12. Adjournment

Mayor Edwards entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Councilmember Gilyard and seconded by Councilmember Rowell to adjourn. Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44pm.

Mark Massey, City Clerk